

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2408 - SB 2576

April 7, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Clarifies that a charter school may only enroll pupils who are eligible in accordance with the provisions governing the purposes for which a charter school may be formed, which are to:

- Provide alternatives for students in schools failing to make adequate yearly progress; or
- Address the unique needs of students eligible for special education services as identified by federal guidelines or provide local school systems the option to work in concert with the state's public higher education teacher training institutions, not to exceed a combined total of nine sites per year. At least 75% of the prospective student population, as specified in a proposed charter with a higher education teacher training institution, must be students who were previously enrolled in a school failing to make adequate yearly progress, students who are failing to make adequate yearly progress upon initial eligibility for enrollment in the charter school, or students who are eligible for free or reduced price school lunch programs.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes the bill merely clarifies that eligibility for charter school enrollment is limited to those groups as defined under current law; thereby, potentially decreasing the number of applications for charter schools that do not fall within the law. Therefore, there could be a decrease in local government expenditures to the extent that local governments spend less time reviewing ineligible applications.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director